

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1312-K)

PATENT

In application of:	)	
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Kopreski	)	Before the Examiner:
	)	F. Wei Min Lu
Serial No. 10/658,873	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: September 5, 2003	)	
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For: Method for Detecting and Monitoring	)	
Cancer using Extracellular RNA	)	

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006. Their response is thus due on January 24, 2007.

By the signature of the undersigned, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of all required fees.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001 in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: January 23, 2007

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